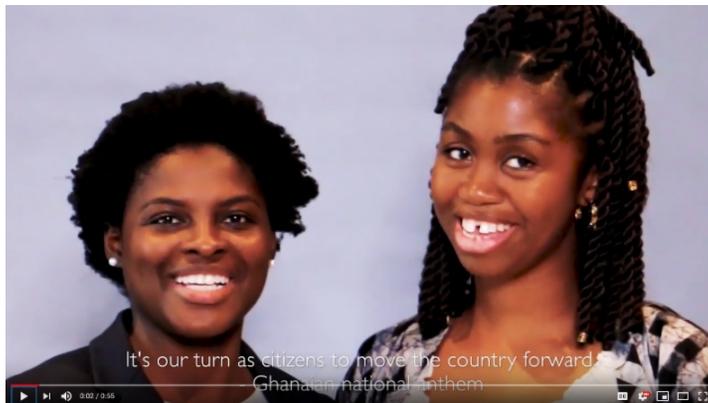




## OFFICE OF LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Leading USAID's locally led development efforts

August 2019



### Video: The Journey to Self-Reliance Begins with Locally Led Development

By partnering directly with local leaders, networks, and institutions, the [Office of Local Sustainability \(E3/LS\)](#) is helping to empower local communities to address complex development challenges. The Office believes that locally led development can produce smarter, more resilient, and home-grown solutions.

E3/LS supports colleagues around the world to leverage local capacities and resources; engage with local systems in ways that build upon and strengthen local leadership, capacity, and self-reliance; and be inclusive of marginalized populations.

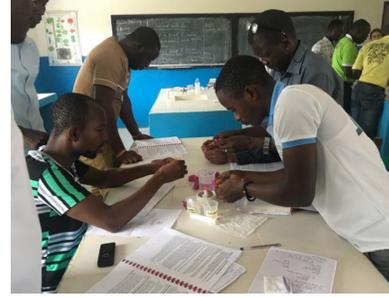
Watch our [new video](#) to hear some of the many voices for locally led development, and join us on the [Journey to Self-Reliance](#).



## Malawi: Increasing Access to Clean Water

With support from [Local Works](#), the Mtema Village Development Committee in the Nsanje District of Malawi partnered with 2014 [Mandela Washington Fellow](#) Mweta Katemba to increase access to clean water, especially for women and girls. The project drilled a borehole, which provides access to safe water for 750 people.

Gladys Chikumbutso, a 33-year-old mother of two, expressed: "Before this borehole, we used to travel 30 to 40 minutes to the nearest borehole where we could spend over six hours in queue... Many times we came back empty because the line was too long. With this borehole, we collect water within ten minutes... The speed at which you replied to our request and mobilized resources for this project is unimaginable."



## Liberia: USAID-Peace Corps Partnership Creates Science Experiments Workbook

In Liberia, six local teachers and a Peace Corps Volunteer co-developed a workbook that detailed how to construct and use scientific equipment using local materials. USAID's [Small Project Assistance](#) (SPA) Program funded some local materials and supplies for science experiments, as well as printing of the workbook and a training manual. The teachers' science club then held workshops on the workbook and lesson planning with local teachers from five schools.

Following the workshops, the teachers are opening additional science clubs in area schools. Recognizing this success, Peace Corps/Liberia is printing and sharing the science experiment workbooks and training manuals with Peace Corps Volunteers and their local teacher counterparts throughout the country.

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## Philippines: Sharing Cooperative Development Research

E3/LS recently facilitated a cooperative development workshop with USAID/Philippines and the Cooperative Development Authority of the Philippines. Participants shared learning on sound cooperative development practices and disseminated findings from a legacy study on the social and economic benefits of cooperative businesses in the country. E3/LS' [Cooperative Development Program's](#) (CDP) implementing partners



showcased their best practices, materials, and research on cooperative performance, enabling environments, and building networks of local resource organizations to better sustain cooperative businesses. The E3/LS [Local Works](#) program provided support for the workshop.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

### From the Field

- USAID/Nepal's Social, Environmental, and Economic Development (SEED) Office is using an [innovative MEL approach](#) to improve its programs. The Mission holds "pause and reflect workshops" and evaluation-rooted recommendation workshops to learn from activities and pivot accordingly.
- USAID/Guatemala's Program Office Director and USAID Bureau of Policy, Planning and Learning staff attended a brown bag held by E3/LS with the Indigenous Peoples Office to meet the new Senior Advisor for [Indigenous Peoples' Issues](#), Luis-Felipe Duchicela. Attendees discussed synergies among their approaches to locally led development.
- Staff from many [Local Works](#) Missions were in Washington, DC, this month and met with E3/LS. USAID/Dominican Republic, USAID/Guatemala, USAID/North Macedonia, and USAID/Timor-Leste discussed their programs and approaches to locally led development. Missions are invited, whenever you are in Washington, DC, to stop by and meet with E3/LS!

### Locally Led Development Opportunities

- E3/LS facilitated a co-creation workshop on community violence prevention in Kingston, Jamaica last week. This was a critical step in USAID/Jamaica's use of E3/LS' [Broad Agency Announcement \(BAA\) for Locally Led Development Innovation](#). Other Operating Units interested in utilizing this BAA and receiving facilitation support should contact [LLD-BAA@usaid.gov](mailto:LLD-BAA@usaid.gov).
- Power Africa is coordinating with E3/LS' [Cooperative Development Program](#) to support rural electric cooperatives in South Africa and Uganda. Since 2013, E3/L has partnered with Power Africa to support rural electric cooperatives to provide affordable energy services at lower costs to communities. For more information please visit [grants.gov](http://grants.gov). Please note the eligibility requirement for applicants.
- E3/LS delivered a training on co-creation and its use in processes like the BAA to USAID's Office of Education last month. If your Operating Unit would like a briefing or to

discuss E3/LS' procurement mechanisms (the [Locally Led Development Annual Program Statement](#) (APS) and the [BAA for Locally Led Development Innovation](#)), contact [localsustainability@usaid.gov](mailto:localsustainability@usaid.gov).

- E3/LS's Addendum to the [BAA for Locally Led Development Innovation](#), "New Directions in Advancing Locally Led Development," closed last month. Thank you to everyone who submitted Expressions of Interest to one or more of the following issue areas:
  - Engaging the Local Private Sector
  - Conflict, Post-Conflict, and Non-Permissive Environments
  - Effective Partnerships
  - The Changing Role of the Donor
  - Local Giving, Philanthropy, and Other Private Resource

The Office is currently reviewing Expressions of Interest.

- The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest for USAID/Serbia's Addendum to the [BAA for Locally Led Development Innovation](#), "Innovation Driven Development in Serbia," is now September 6, 2019, at 17:00 Serbia local time. Find the Addendum under "Related Documents" [here](#). The Addendum seeks Expressions of Interest on game-changing solutions to advance innovation-driven/knowledge-based development - and to improve the overall environment for innovation-driven development in Serbia.

### What are we Reading this Month?

- Oxfam - "[Faith is Not Enough: Ensuring that aid donor-private sector partnerships contribute to sustainable development.](#)"
- [USAID Development Credit Authority - Final Report of Evaluations 2008-2013](#)

### Staffing

- E3/LS welcomes two new additions to its Capacity, Culture, and Communications Team. Natalie Walter has joined as Communications Associate, and Christa DeLorenzo, Communications Specialist, recently delivered Baby Journee. Congratulations!
- E3/LS is pleased to welcome Sydney Gougeon, the new Program Assistant supporting the Local Works and SPA Programs on the Office's Technical Excellence Team.
- E3/LS is hiring! Learn more about the Office's Training Coordinator position [here](#).

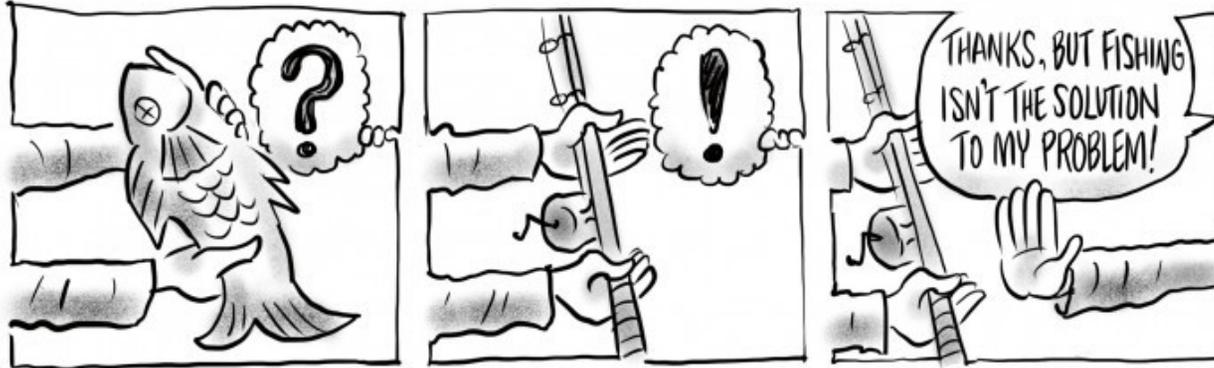
## SAVE THE DATE

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**Conflict Sensitive Private Sector Engagement Workshop** Monday, September 9, 2019, 9:00am – 1:00pm USAID Washington Learning Center, Crystal City. For more information, please contact Andrew Duffy, [aduffy@usaid.gov](mailto:aduffy@usaid.gov)

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